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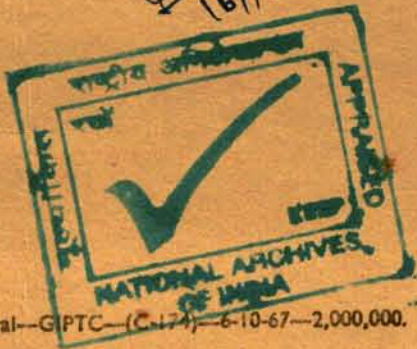
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(गौतम गुप्ता)
(GAUTAM GUPTA)
उप सचिव (ए एवं आरएम.)
Dy. Secretary (A&RM)
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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Subject:- Relics of Subhas Chandra Bose with Mr. B.H.
White of Bristol, London - acquiring of.

Extracts from notes on S.A.Division's File
No.S.II/323-6/67. D.24359-S/67.

Ministry of Education may kindly see for advice.

\$ Sd/- G.S. Balakrishnan
Attache (UK)

Ministry of Education, Mrs. Sharda Rao, Asstt.Edu.Adv.
MEA U.O. No.SII/323-6/67 dated 8.11.1967.

I think we should refer this matter to the
State Govt. They may be interested.

Sd/- S. Rao
29.11.67

~~DS(E)~~

Yes.

Sd/- 30-11-67

CAI(3) Section

Reference note above. Draft letter to the
West Bengal Govt. put up. Incidentally it may be
mentioned this Section is not concerned with the
work relating to the acquisition of relics from
abroad. It is CA II (2) Section to whom the
file relating to the procurement of relics of Guru
Gobind Singh ji has been transferred.

After issue that Section may kindly retain
these papers for further references.

Itd/- There is a Netaji Museum in Calcutta. The
authorities of that Museum might be interested.

~~DS(C-5)~~

Sd/- Harbanslal Sapra
4-12-67

"Pl. issue and resubmit the file.

Sd/- A.S.Talwar
5.12.67

S.No.2- Issue

Resubmitted with reference to US(C-5)'s
note above.

Itd- 8-12-67

~~DS(C-5)~~

Ministry of E.A. may kindly see the action taken
in this Ministry. The reply from the Govt. of West
Bengal when received will be intimated to them.

Sd/- A.S.Talwar
11.12.67

E.A. Ministry (South Asia Dn)

M/Edu U/o No.D.7446/67CAI(%) dt.14.12.67

Secy. EA I has instructed that E.A. Division should take over these papers and deal with them.

Issue telegram to ~~W. Bengal~~ W. Bengal Govt. and Telex to Shri Vahali.

Sd/- Mangit Singh
14.3.68

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Mr. g Education, UO no. D 7446 / 67 (CAI-3)
dated 14.12.67 with copies of its enclosure,
is also refd herewith

Mr. g EA (in AS Calcutta U.S.)

TEA U/O no 3970 EA 2760 20 6/8/66.

D. 4470-5/68 - S.M. (3) - FR - P. 4/68

A file concerning to Education about Relics of
Shri SC. Bose is put up.

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S.M. (4) Issue - P. 5/68

D. 5843-5/68 - S.M. (5) - FR - P. 6-7/68

Secy E.A. I has instructed that E.A. Div
Should take over these papers and deal with them
Issue telegram to W. Bengal Govt and
Telex to Shri Vahali.

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Manjit Singh
14.3.68

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S.M. (6) - ISS - P. 8/68

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S.M. (8) ISS - P. 10-11/68

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S.M. (9) ISS

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S.M. (10)

Added

S.M. (11)

Added

Ref. Teleprinter Message No. 1631 dated 23.3.1968
from Education Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal, Calcutta.

Issue teleprinter message to Calcutta
placed below.

Manjit Singh
(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)
25.3.1968

SO(EA)

S.M. (12) ISS

S.M. (13) ISS

Added

Please issue Teleprinter reminder
to Education Department, Calcutta.

Manjit Singh
(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)
8-4-1968.

SO(EA)

SNO (15) / 68

Sno (16)

PR

Pl. put these pps. on file immediately
on receipt and put up to Dir (EA) on
return.

Sd/- C V Ranganathan
14.4.68

" Please remind Netaji Research
Bureau "

Sd/ Manjit Singh
15/4

Photo Dir (EA)

Att (c)

A draft reminder is put up for
approval.

2/16.4.68

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16/4

Att (c)

SNO (17) / 68

SNO (18)

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Refd to Hq Education
with v/o no 3970 EA/68
27/4/68

Since we have not received any
reply from Netaji Research Bureau to our
letter at SNO (17), we may perhaps remind
them. A fair letter is put up for
signature, if approved.

27.4.68

Please endorse a copy to
the Govt. of W.B. as indicated in
the draft.
Rohas 27/4/68

US(EA)

for enabling them to acquire these relics. The State Govt have been addressed to intimate whether they can give equivalent of 270 ^{gms} in rupees to Nelay Research Bureau.

If the State Govt agrees to release the grant, the writer recommends release of foreign exchange to the extent of 270 gms.

M/External Affairs may

please see,

22/5/68

22-5-68

Min. of E. A.

M/Education no N. Dy. 2600/68 - CAD(S) dt. 23-5-68

S. 6176 EAD/68 — SNo (24) added

"Pl. add to the file. A reminder may be sent on 5/6/68 if no reply further communication is received by then.

Sd/- Y R Bhargava 10/5

On today 28.01.68

23/5 E. A. Dir 23/5

W/ (EAD)

23/5/68

Encl

Ref: US(EA)'s note on the letter at SNO(24)

In view of Ministry of Education's note on P. 5-6/ante, it may not be necessary to remind either Netaji Research Bureau or the West Bengal Govt. Instead, if U.S. agrees, the file may be referred again to the Ministry of Education, with the request that they may inform us the present position of the case.

Min of Edu may kindly see.

7.6.68

US(EA)

Roham
7/6/68

Mr. A
7.6.68

~~Ministry of Education (Shri A. S. Talwar, Under Secy),~~
~~Ministry of Ext. Affs. U/O NO. C/323/1/68/JR & June 68~~

SNO(25)
SNO(26)

FR(I)
FR(II)

In view of the letter at SNO(26) from the Netaji Research Bureau, the file has been withdrawn from the despatch.

As has been stated in the J.R., the Ministry of Education are not in a position to ^{provide} advance the money for the relics (vide their note on P. 5-6 ante). They have asked the West Bengal Govt. whether the requisite funds could be provided by them.

Dir (EA) may kindly see before the file is referred back to the Ministry of Education with the request to intimate the reaction of the W. Bengal Govt.

Our High Commission in London have reminded (S. 25)

11.6.68

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Dir (EA)

Please address the W Bengal Govt in the matter sending a copy to the Min of Edu Urge them to expedite their decision

Mr. A
13.6.68

24.6.68

Draft put up for approval.

Manjit Singh
13/6

US(EA)

Roham
13/6/68

Sno (27) - Issue - 1.28/c

D. 8046.EAD/68 - Sno (28) - Addl. doc

D. 8321 EAD/68 - Sno (29) - FR

The F.R. at Sno. (29) may please be seen with ref. to our endorsement at Sno (27).

The West Bengal Govt. are prepared to provide the funds equivalent to 270 Guineas to enable the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta to acquire the relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, held by Mr. B.H. White of Bristol, provided these are certified as genuine by Mrs. Shida Rao Sturtevant. In this connection, attention is also invited to the letter at Sno (28), from the Netaji Research Bureau.

2/7/68

Please issue letter to Shri Vahali, High Commission of India, London.

R. Dhawan
(Y.R. Dhawan)
2-7-68

EA Div.

Sno (30) Issue - P32-33/c

S. 9371. EAD/68 - Sno (31) FR P.34/c-35/c

Please remind the DCI, London in the matter.
Sd/- Y.R. Dhawan
16.7.68.

A per reminder to DCI, London is put up.

24/7/68

25.7.68

Sno (32) Issue P36/c

Sd/- (EA)

D. 10567 - EAD/68 - Sno (33) FR - P.37-39/c

We may await further communication.

6/8/68

D. 12276 EAD/68 — SNO (34) FR P40-46/c

"Pr. put up with the file."
Self J.R. Dhawan
3/9/68

EXD

Submitted.

Attention is invited to SNO (29) & (30). The present FR. is in continuation of SNO (33).

5/9/68
US(EA)

Please issue O.M. below to the Ministry of Education, with a copy to H.C.I., London.

R. Dhawan
(Y.R. Dhawan)
6-9-68

EA Div.

SNO (35) / 88 P. 42/c

In view of the letter at SNO (34), from the Min. of Education were requested, vide SNO (35) to let us have their reactions, after consulting the West Bengal Govt & the Netaji Research Bureau, reg. acquisition of the relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, held by Mr. White of Bristol.

As we have not heard anything from the Ministry of Education, a fair O.M. requesting them to expedite reply, is put up for signature, if approved.

14/1/69

US(EA)

R. Dhawan
14/1/69

SNO (36) - Issue P43/c

D. 1141 EAD/69

SNO (37) Adress

D. 1633 EAD/69

SNO (38) - FR

"Pr. remind H/Edn."

Self J.R. Dhawan
5/2/69

EXD

A fair O.M., with endot. to H.C.I. London is put up for signature, if approved

10/2/69

US(EA)

R. Dhawan
10/2/69

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Sno (39) - ~~same~~ P46/c

In December, 1967, Ministry of External Affairs sent us a communication from our High Commission in London from which we gathered that one Dr. B.H.White had come into possession of two pieces of Indian Silver which, be thought, belonged to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. (Dr. White irreverently describes Netaji as a "quisling" in his letter). One of these items is a silver box in-laid with balack silver while the other is a small trinket box. Both seem to have been presented by Netaji to some Burmese. Dr. White wanted to know whether India would be interested in acquiring these pieces for one of its Museums. Since we had no scheme, under which we could purchase these pieces, we wrote to Government of West Bengal asking them whether they would be interested in the acquisition of these two relics. In its turn, the State Government seems to have written to Netaji Research Bureau who, though willing to acquire the relics, has said that it does not have the sum of 270 guineas (approximately Rs.5,130.00) which Dr. White wants for these pieces. From External Affairs Ministry's file, it appears that Dr. White intends to sell these relics elsewhere if we are not interested.

Personally, I do not think that a couple of silver boxes presented by our Netaji constitutes such "relics" as should find a place in a museum. Furthermore, we are not even sure whether these are genuine pieces. Finally from the way in which Dr. White has castigated Netaji I do not think we should go in for these purchases as this will put more money in this man's pocket. I might, incidentally, add that we have no funds with which we can acquire (or help others to acquire) relics of our leaders.

J.S. may please see with reference to E.M.'s minute at S.No.3 (page 5/cor.)

Sd/-P.Gangulee
10-5-68

JS(Z)

We have no funds from which we can pay 270 guineas for acquiring these pieces from Dr. White. We may, therefore, send a reply to the F.R. and tell them so, adding that we are taking up the matter with the State Government who may be able to pay the amount. If rupee equivalent is made available by the State Government we can recommend equivalent foreign exchange for acquiring these pieces. In so far as the authenticity of the relics is concerned, we may write to our High Commission and leave it to them to say that the relics are genuine pieces. I might add that the original communication came to us from the High Commission through the External Affairs Ministry.

2. I do not think we need attach much importance to Dr. White's remarks. As far as our approach in the matter is concerned, it should be confined only to acquiring the relics if they are worthwhile.

3. I submit the above with reference to E.M.'s minute on the F.R. After E.M. has seen, necessary action will be taken and a draft reply put to the F.R. as from E.M.

MS(Z)

Sd/- A.Rozario
13-5-68
Sd/- Shet Singh 13/5

Sd/- T.Sen
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We have not heard so far from the State Govt but from the F.A. it appears that the State Govt is favourably inclined towards assisting financially the Netaji Museum.

Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Economic Affairs) may kindly see in the meanwhile for concurring in the proposal of providing Foreign Exchange equivalent to 270 guineas the price of two relics --- which are in possession of one Dr. B.H.White of United Kingdom. The Netaji Research Bureau are very keen to acquire them for the Netaji Museum and they have approached the State Govt to assist them financially to the extent of rupee equivalent of 270 guineas. From the letter that the Netaji Research Bureau have written to E.M., it appears that the State Government is inclined favourably towards giving grant to the Bureau for acquiring the two relics of Netaji.

This Ministry recommends strongly that M/Finance may kindly agree to the release of Foreign Exchange equivalent to 270 guineas in favour of Netaji Research Bureau for enabling the Bureau to acquire two very important relics of Netaji.

M/Finance (Deptt of Economic Affairs) may ~~ki~~ please see and agree to release the Foreign Exchange equivalent to 270 guineas.

Sd/-

10-6-68

Sd/- A.Rozario

10/6/68

JZ(2)

D.F.A.

M/Edn.U.O.No.24/4/68/CAI(5) dt.11-6-68

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(EDUCATION UNIT)

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This relates to the request by Netaji Research Bureau for the release of foreign exchange to the extent of 270 guineas (Rs.5,130) so as to enable them to acquire two Relics namely Silver Box inlaid with black silver and small Trinket box of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at present in possession of one Dr. B.H.White of Brussel. The matter was considered by the Ministry of Education and they informed the Bureau that because of the budgetary limitations the Govt. of India would be unable to assist them with funds in regard to the acquisition of the above Relics. The Ministry, however, further stated that their case for release of foreign exchange would be recommended if either the Institute or the West Bengal Government could make available the Rupee equivalent. It appears from the Bureau's letter on page 12/c that their impression is that there would be no difficulty in the West Bengal Government giving them necessary financial assistance for acquiring the Burmese Relics. On the basis of this impression the Ministry of Education have recommended the case for the release of foreign exchange to the extent of Rs.270 guineas (Rs.5,130/-).

2.- We feel that the first thing should come first in that the Institute should produce a firm commitment from the State Government as to their making available necessary assistance to the required extent in rupee equivalent. We are afraid, we cannot proceed on the basis of the impression gathered by the Bureau. Their request to the State Government may or may not materialise. The Ministry of Education may, therefore, advise the Bureau to first approach the Govt. of West Bengal and produce a written agreement from that Government that they are prepared to help the Institute in the acquisition of the Relic.

It will only be after this has been done that the case will be considered and recommended to the E.A.Deptt.

Sd/- K.B.Lall
13-6-68

D/V/A.

Sd/-
14-6-68

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The Govt. of West Bengal have stated to say that they are prepared to meet the equivalent of 270 guineas for acquiring Netaji's relics provided these are certified to be genuine by Dr. BA Maw's youngest daughter Mrs. Theda Maw. Before we take up the matter with the M/Finance for release of Foreign Exchange, we may in the first instance request the M/External Affairs to get these relics certified as genuine by Mrs. Theda Maw.

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Sd/-A.S.Telwar
28/6/68

This file deals with request of Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta for financial assistance for acquisition of certain relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from U.K. The Request was considered in this Ministry but as there are no funds we cannot give any grants to Bureau. However, if the State Government of the Bureau are above to find about Rs.5130.00 we can recommend the release of Foreign Exchange worth 270 guineas - the cost of the relics.

The State Govt had intimated to us that they are prepared to release sufficient funds for acquiring the relics to Netaji Research Bureau, provided the genuineness of the relics was certified. The M/External Affairs was requested to get the relics certified by Dr. B.A.Maw's youngest daughter, who is in England. M/External Affairs have now sent the copies of the letter from Mr. White the owner of the relics, and that of the youngest daughter Mrs. William C. Sturtvant (the youngest daughter of late Dr. B.A.Maw) had asked for certain more information before she could certify the authenticity of the relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

From this it would appear that the authenticity of the relics cannot be certified. We may send a copy of the letter as to also that of the OM from M/External Affairs to West Bengal Government and enquire from them whether they would still be prepared to give grants to the Netaji Research Bureau.

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ltd/- 12/9/68

Sd/- S.R.)

SNO (40) —

Added

P47-48/c

Ministry of External Affairs may kindly see the letter from the Government of West Bengal for regarding acquisition of relics of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The State Government is prepared to acquire provided these are certified to be genuine by Dr. Ba Maw's youngest daughter, Mrs. William C. Sturtevant (nee Theda Maw). The Executive Director of Netaji Research Bureau have suggested Mr. B.H.White to agree to have the objects photographed. These photographs may then be despatched to Mrs. Sturtevant at her Washington address as early as possible. The identification of these relics may first of all be carried out before these are acquired by the Netaji Research Bureau. Ministry of External Affairs may please see.

It'd/-
6/2/69

Sd/- S. Rao (Mrs).
26.2.69

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Ministry of External Affairs
M/Edn U.O.No.24-4/68-C5(CAI(3) dt. 27.2.69

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(East Asia Division)

US(EA) may kindly see the above notes extracted from the Ministry of Education's file (placed below), with reference to our O.M. at S.No.(35).

While Netaji Research Bureau have suggested that Mr. White be persuaded to have the two objects photographed, as required by Mrs. William C. Sturtevant, in her letter at P.38/c, to enable her to verify whether these are genuine, the West Bengal Govt. have maintained that they are agreeable to acquire the relics for the Bureau provided that they are certified to be genuine by Mrs. William C. Sturtevant.

Submitted for consideration. Edn.Ministry's file may be endorsed.

Issue below

US(EA)

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19/2/69

SNO (41) —

Issue P49/c

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With ref. to our letter at SNO (41), we may enquire about the present position of the case from Dr. London

A fair reminder is put up for signature, if approved.

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SNO (42) —

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26/2/69

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By 6673 - EAD/69

SNO (143) FR ^{ps/c}

The F.R. may please be seen with reference to our letter at SNO. (41). In view of silence on the part of Mr. White, the relics in question cannot be certified as genuine by Mrs. Funderant.

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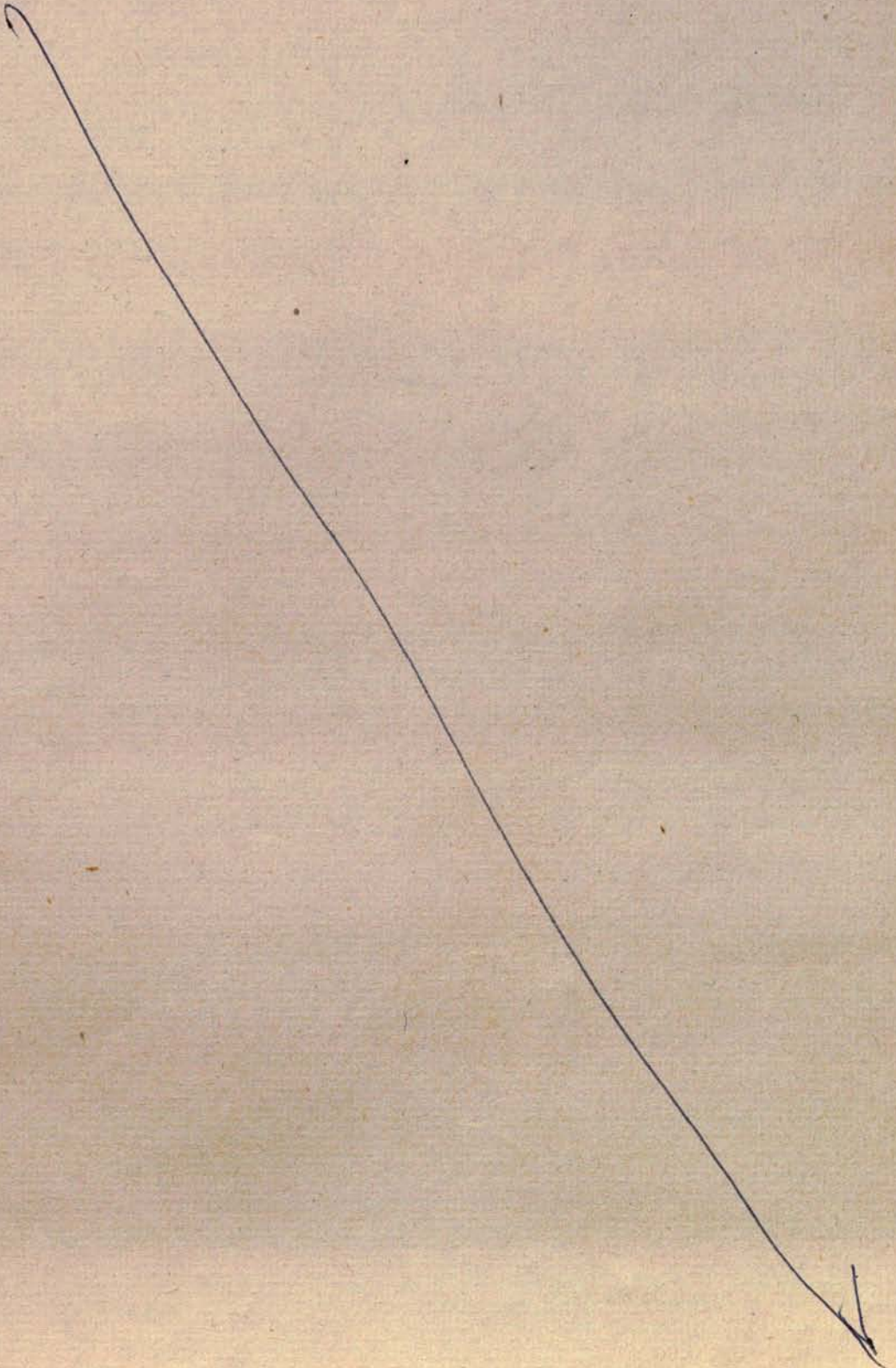
No action for this time being.

US(EA)

K. H. H. H.
31/5/69

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Mr. B. W.
2.6.69





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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
LONDON

NO. *Pol 69. 9. 7*

October 27, 1967

My dear Balakrishnan,

I enclose copy of a letter we have received from Mr. B.H. White, Bristol. Despite his irreverent remarks to Netaji, you may like to enquire if the Government of India or the West Bengal Government are interested in acquiring these two pieces of silver associated with him.

Yours sincerely,

H.S. Vahali
(H.S. Vahali)

Shri G.S. Balakrishnan,
Attache(UK),
Ministry of Ext. Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

[Signature]
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[Signature]
Sri Devan Singh

(TRUE COPY)

1, Alexandra Road,
Clifton,
Bristol 8.

Dear Sir,

I am not sure if the following will be of interest to you but I trust that you will be so kind as to direct the information to the correct quarters.

In a recent bequest I was left two pieces of Indian Silver which although their intrinsic value is low may be of interest as museum items since they have a connection with Subhas Chandra Bose the World War II quisling. Enclosed below is a brief description.

- 1) Silver box $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " with the lid inlaid with black silver and Burmese dancers: The inscription reads: -

"To Lt. Col Yan Naung on the happy
occasion of his wedding from
Subhas Chandra Bose"

- 2) A small over silver trinket box with the inscription:

"To Tin Sa Maw on the happy occasion
of her wedding from Subhas Chandra
Bose".

Should either of these articles be of historic or museum value of India I would be pleased to discuss their sale at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(B.H. White)

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No. D.7446/67-CAI(3)
Government of India
Ministry of Education

original refs to
R of Education
with no. 3990 EAO/60
or 6/5/68

New Delhi, dated the 7th Dec.1967

The Secretary to the Government of West Bengal,
Education Department,
Calcutta.

Subject:- Relics of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose with Dr. B.H.
White of Bristol, London, - Acquiring of -

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the
D.O. letter No. Pol. 69.9.7 dated the 27th October, 1967
from Shri H.S. Vahali of the Indian High Commission in
London addressed to Shri G.S. Balakrishnan, Attache (UK)
of the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi together
with its enclosures on the subject mentioned and to say
that the State Government might be interested in the
acquisition of two relics connected with Shri Subhash
Chandra Bose.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- (A.S.Talwar)
Under Secretary.



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भारत का हाई कमीशन,
लन्दन

THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA,

Political DEPARTMENT,

INDIA HOUSE,

ALDWYCH,

LONDON, W.C.2.

Ministry of External Affairs

Received on 28/2

Sec. Dy. No 4470-5/6

February 19, 1968

TELEPHONE : TEMPLE BAR 8484 EXT.
GRAMS : HICOMIND, LONDON, W.C.2.

OUR REFERENCE : No. Pol. 69.9.7

Dear Ministry,

Kindly refer to First Secretary (Political)
Shri Vahali's letter of even number dated the 27th October,
1967, to Shri Balakrishnan regarding two silver pieces
associated with the Netaji and let us know the result of
your enquiry, if any made so far.



Ministry of External Affairs,
Attache (UK),
NEW DELHI.

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No. S.II/323-6/67
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs,

NEW DELHI, February 29, 1968.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Relics of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose with
Dr. B.H. White of Bristol, London - acquiring of.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Education U.O. No.D.47446/67 (AI(3) dated 14.12.1967 on the subject mentioned above and to request that further progress made in the matter may kindly be intimated to this Ministry for onward transmission to our High Commission in London. An early reply is requested.

(G.S. BALAKRISHNAN)
ATTACHE (UK)

Ministry of Education,
(Shri A.S. Talwar, Under Secretary),
NEW DELHI.

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Copy forwarded to High Commission of India, London, w/r to their letter No. Pol.69.9.7 dated 19.2.1968. The matter has been referred to the Govt of West Bengal by the Ministry of Education. Their reply will be communicated to them as and when received.

(G.S. BALAKRISHNAN)
ATTACHE (UK)

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29/2/68

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2041. BALAKRISHNAN. REF YOUR LETTER S.II/323-6/67

OF 29 FEB RE RELICS OF SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE.

EXPEDITE DECISION AS OWNER ANXIOUS TO SELL THEM

ELSEWHERE IN CASE WE ARE NOT INTERESTED.

HICOMIND

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TELEX MESSAGE

DTG 13Mar 1552
DTR 12Mar 2025

From: Hicomind, London
To: Foreign, New Delhi

AN(OK)

2041. BALAKRISHNAN. Ref Your letter
S.II/323/6/67 of 29th February re. relics
of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose. Expedite
decision as owner anxious to sell them elsewhere
in case we are not interested.

Please discuss. I don't
understand this.

Sd. T.N. Kaul
14-3-1968

Director (EA)

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TELEX MESSAGE

FROM: FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO: HICOMIND LONDON

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VAHALI FROM MANJIT SINGH

REFERENCE YOUR TELEX NO.2041. HAVE YOU
ANY IDEA OF THE PRICE DR. WHITE EXPECTS FOR THE
TWO ITEMS PRESENTED BY SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE?
IF NOT, KINDLY ASCERTAIN SAME INFORMALLY.

Not to be telegraphed

Manjit Singh
(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)
14-3-1968

(Manjit Singh)
Director (East Asia)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

Repl at SMO (10)

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Government of West Bengal

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FROM:

Sri G C Mallik Dy. Secy., Education Deptt

TO:

The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs

Text of Message No. dated

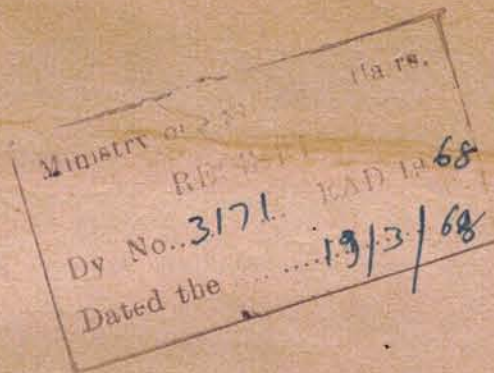
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REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 26309 DATED 14TH MARCH, 1968 REGARDING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ITEMS PRESENTED BY NETAJI TO A BURMESE STOP KINDLY SEND A LIST OF THE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS GOVERNMENT STOP

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Date..... 16.3.68

Time..... 1821 Hrs

Duty Officer,
Government of West Bengal,
Teleprinter Service, New Delhi.

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TELEPRINTER MESSAGE
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No.C/323/1/68/JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs.

New Delhi-11, March 19, 1968.

Please transmit the following message over your
Teleprinter Service to the Government of West Bengal,
Calcutta: BEGINS.

"FROM: FOREIGN, NEW DELHI

"TO: CHIEFSEC, CALCUTTA

Refd to Sno (11)

G.C. MALLICK, DEPUTY SECRETARY? EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
FROM MANJIT SINGH, DIRECTOR, EAST ASIA.

Sno (6)

REFERENCE YOUR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE OF SIXTEENTH
MARCH REGARDING ITEMS PRESENTED BY NETAJI STOP ITEMS AND
THEIR BRIEF DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS COLON

- (1) SILVER BOX 7½" x 5" x 2½" WITH THE LID
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WEDDING FROM SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE UNQUOTE AND
- (2) A SMALL OVER SILVER TRINKET BOX WITH THE
INSCRIPTION COLON QUOTE TO TIN SA MAW ON THE
HAPPY OCCASION OF HER WEDDING FROM SUBHAS CHANDRA
BOSE" UNQUOTE

2. THIS LIST WAS ENCLOSED WITH EDUCIND LETTER NO.D.7446/67-
CAI(3) DATED 7TH DECEMBER 1967 ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CALCUTTA." ENDS.

Sd/-

(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)

The Duty Officer,
Teleprinter Service, Govt. of West Bengal,
Banga Bhavan, 3, Hailey Road, New Delhi-1.

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Copy forwarded, by post, to Shri G.C. Mallick,
Deputy Secretary, Education Department, Government of
of West Bengal, Calcutta, along with Ministry of Education
as well as its enclosures, referred to in para 2 of the
the teleprinter message.

Copy forwarded for information to Shri A.S. Talwar,
Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

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Director (EA)
19.3.1968

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From: Foreign New Delhi
To : Chiefsec Calcutta

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No.26309

For Secretary Education Department.

Reference Ministry of Education's letter No.D.7446/67-CAI(3) Dated 7th December, 1967. Dr. WHITE, owner of items presented by NETAJI to Burmese, anxious to sell them elsewhere in case we are not interested. Grateful if you could urgently intimate whether State Government are interested in acquiring these items.

PRIME MINISTER: SECY TO PM: MINISTER OF STATE EA: DY MINISTER EA: FS: SECY EAI: SECY EAI: JS PF: JS P: JS XPL: DIR XP: DIR EA: OSD(EA): ATTACHE NGO(2): CABINET SECY(2): MINISTER: SECY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

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De. No. 3522
Dated 23/3/68

22 MAR 1968

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(Ministry of External Affairs)
Time of Receipt 22.14.5
Time of Despatch 22.14.28
Signature of Operator.....

2544. FOR MANJIT SINGH (.) REFERENCE YOUR TELEX NO.S-415 MARCH
FOURTEEN (.) MR. WHITE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE FOR 27Q GNS. FOR
BOTH ITEMS ASSOCIATED + ASSOCIATED WITH SHRI SUBA+SUBHASH CHANDRA
BOSE.

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COL: 2545 S-415 27Q GNS. ASSOCIATED WITH SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA

BOSE.

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Ministry of E.A. *CR*

Recd. on *23.3.68*

Section Dy. No. *1001-Telex/68*

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Government of West Bengal

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Calcutta

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FROM: SHRI G.C.MALLIK, DY SECY TO THE GOVT OF WEST BENGAL, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA.

TO: THE SECY TO THE GOVT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW DELHI.

Text of Message No. 1631. dated.. 23.3.68.

(This message will also be confirmed by a post copy from the sender)

BEGINS:

REFERENCE YOUR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE NO. 843, DATED 19TH MARCH, 1968 REGARDING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ITEMS PRESENTED BY NETAJI. NETAJI ~~MUSEUM~~ MUSEUM, CALCUTTA ARE INTERESTED IN THE ARTICLES (X) KINDLY COMMUNICATE THE PRICES OF THE ARTICLES IMMEDIATELY.

Special request regarding sending of reply if any: *1/1*

Date.....23.3.68.....

Time.....20.00. HRS.....

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(C.S. GUPTA)
Duty Officer,
Government of West Bengal,
Teleprinter Service.

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No. C/323/1/68/JP
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs.

TELEPRINTER MESSAGE
IMMEDIATE

New Delhi-11, March 25, 1968.

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Please transmit the following message over
your Teleprinter Service to Calcutta:

BEGINS.

"From: FOREIGN, New Delhi.

To: Shri G.C. MALLIK,
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL,
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
CALCUTTA.

Sno (11)

REFERENCE YOUR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE 1631
MARCH TWENTYTHIRD STOP WE HAVE ASCERTAINED FROM
MR.
OUR HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON THAT ~~NETEN~~ WHITE
IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE FOR TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY
GUINEAS FOR BOTH ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH NETAJI
SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE STOP GRATEFUL INDICATE
DECISION EARLIEST STOP "

ENDS.

Mh
(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)

The Duty Officer,
Teleprinter Service,
Government of West Bengal,
Banga Bhavan,
3, Hailey Road,
NEWDELHI-1.

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TELEX MESSAGE

From: Hicomind, London
To: Foreign, New Delhi

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2544. For MANJIT SINGH. Reference your
telex No. S-415 March fourteen. Mr. White prepared
to negotiate for 270 Gns. for both items
associated with Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

Please discuss.
Sd. T.N. Kaul
26/3/1968

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Government of West Bengal
Education Department
Social Education Branch

No. 592-LA (SE)
11M-6/68

Dated Calcutta, the 3rd April, 1968.

From - Shri G. C. Mallik, M.A., WBCS.,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.

To - The General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau, Netaji Bhawan,
38/2, Lala Lajpat Rai Road, Calcutta-20.

Sub - Relics of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose with
Dr. B.H. White of Bristol - acquiring of -

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No.D-7446/67 -CAI(3) dated the 7th December, 1967 from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education along with a copy of its enclosures on the above subject and to state that the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi want to know whether the State Government is interested in acquiring the items presented by Netaji. Dr. White, the owner of the items is prepared to negotiate for 270 guineas for both the items.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly move Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs for purchase of the articles, if you are interested in them.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.G.C.Mallik,

Deputy Secretary.

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No. 592/11-LA (SE)

Copy forwarded to the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi with reference to his teleprinter message No.@/323/1/68/IP dated the 25th March, 1968.

Calcutta,
the 3rd April, 1968.

Deputy Secretary.

AIR MAIL

Calcutta,

the 3rd April, 1968.

Deputy Secretary.

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TELEPRINTER MESSAGE

No.C/323/1/68/JP
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs.

New Delhi-11, April 8, 1968.

Please transmit the following message over
your Teleprinter Service to Calcutta:

BEGINS.

"From: Foreign, New Delhi.

To: Shri G.C. Mallik,
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL,
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
CALCUTTA.

REFERENCE OUR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE DATED
TWENTYFIFTH MARCH. GRATEFUL IF YOUR DECISION
EXPEDITED IN ORDER TO FINALISE THE MATTER."

ENDS.

Manjit Singh
(Manjit Singh)
Director (EA)

The Duty Officer,
Teleprinter Service,
Government of West Bengal,
Banga Bhavan,
3, Hailey Road,
NEW DELHI-1.

Copy by post for confirmation:

Shri S.C. Malik,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
Education Department,
Calcutta.

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Government of West Bengal

TELEPRINTER MESSAGE : HIGH PRIORITY

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FROM: SRI I P DUTTA OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY EDUCATION DEPTT
TO: THE UNDER SECRETARY MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Text of Message No. 2049/68...dated.....11/4/68

(This message will also be confirmed by a post copy from the sender)

BEGINS:

BEGINS:

REFERENCE YOUR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE NO. 1119 DATED THE 8TH APRIL, 1968 REGARDING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ITEMS PRESENTED BY NETAJI STOP NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU, CALCUTTA HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONTACT YOUR MINISTRY STOP A COPY OF THIS GOVERNMENT LETTER HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO YOUR MINISTRY UNDER ENDORSEMENT NO. 592/1(1)-EDN(SE) DATED THE 3RD APRIL, 1968 STOP

Special request regarding sending of reply if any:

Date.....11/4/68.....

2-21 p.m.

Time.....

Pradip Roy
(PRADIP ROY)

Duty Officer,
Government of West Bengal,
Teleprinter Service, New Delhi.

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Attache (C)*

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Sno (17)

Immediate

No: C/323/1/68/JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

New Delhi. April 16, 1968.

The General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Lala Lajpat Rai Road,
Calcutta-20.

Subject :- Relics of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose with
Dr. B.H. White of Bristol - Acquiring of.

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Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to letter No. 592-Edn(SE) dated the 3rd April, 1968 from the Government of West Bengal, Calcutta, addressed to you and to request that it may please be intimated urgently whether Netaji Research Bureau is prepared to acquire the Netaji's relics for a sum of 270 guineas, as the owner is anxious to sell them elsewhere if the Bureau is not interested.

Yours faithfully,

(T. K. George)
Attache (China)

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No.C/323/1/68/JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs.

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New Delhi, dated 27th April, 1968.

The General Secretary,
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Lala Lajpat Rai Road,
Calcutta-20.

Subject:- Relics of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose with
Dr. B.H. White of Bristol - Acquiring of.

Sir,

Sno (17)

I am directed to invite your attention to
this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 16th
April, 1968 on the subject mentioned above and to
request that your reply may please be expedited.

Yours faithfully,

RR:SN (20)

c/c

(Y.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Copy to A.D. Edn. Dept., Govt. of

West Bengal w.r. to their Memo. no

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On the 11th Apr. 1968. It is
requested that this Min. may kindly be
informed whether they G. of W.B. have heard
in the matter from the Netaji Research Bureau.

A ref. is also invited to their
Memo. no. — of 23.2.68. The decision of the
Netaji Museum may also be communicated
to this Ministry.
Sd/- K.T. Balaram

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

AN INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND POLITICS

NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, LALA LAJPAT RAI ROAD, CALCUTTA 20

No.2/925/68

May 2, 1968

Shri Y. R. Dhawan,
Under Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

Netaji
Sub: Relics of ~~Subhas~~ Subhas Chandra Bose
with Dr.B.H.White of Bristol -
Acquiring of.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C/323/1/68/JP dated the 27th April, 1968, I have to state that we have already requested the Ministry of Education to acquire the relics for preservation in the Netaji Museum here. I am enclosing herewith copy of the letter of Dr.Triguna Sen, Minister of Education, that we received in response to our request.

Yours faithfully,

S.K. Bose
Dr.Sisir K. Bose
General Secretary

Encl: one.

Our papers may be referred up to the Ministry of Education and they may be requested to let us know their decision in the matter.

S. K. Bose
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No.D503/P/68-Ed

Education Minister
India
New Delhi

April 8, 1968.

Dear Dr. Bose,

I have received your letter No.2/845/68 dated April 3, 1968 regarding the two Burmese relics of Netaji.

I am asking the Ministry to examine your request to have them purchased for the Netaji Museum.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(T. Sen)

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
Executive Director
Netaji Research Bureau,
Netaji Bhawan,
38/2 Lala Lajpat Rai Road,
Calcutta-20.

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Government of West Bengal

Education

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No. 677-Edn(SE)
11M-6/68

All Communications to Government should give the Number, Date and Subject of any previous Correspondence and be addressed to the Secretary of the Department concerned.

From : Shri G.C. Mallik, M.A., W.B.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

To : The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

Dated Calcutta, the 10th May, 1968

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Sir,

Subject :- Relics of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose
with Dr. B.H. White of Bristol -
Acquiring of -

15/5/68

I am directed to refer to your letter No. C/323/1/68/JP, dated the 27th April, 1968, addressed to the General Secretary, Netaji Research Bureau, copy endorsed to this Department, and to say that nothing has been heard from the Netaji Research Bureau in this connection. The Bureau is, however, being reminded to expedite.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mallik

Deputy Secretary

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TELEPHONE: 01-836-8484 EXT.
TELEGRAMS: HICOMIND, LONDON, W.C.2.

Our Reference.....Pol.69.9.67



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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA

Political.....DEPARTMENT,

INDIA HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

June 4, 1968

Dear Ministry,

Kindly refer to our telex of even number dated the 20th March, 1968 to Shri Manjit Singh wherein we quoted the price for which Dr. White is agreeable to negotiate sale of the two relics associated with Shri Subash Chandra Bose and let us know if any reaction has since been received from any quarter for purchasing them.

Mr. A.W.
10.6.68



Ministry of External Affairs,
E.A. Division,
New Delhi.

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38/2, LALA LAJPAT RAI ROAD, CALCUTTA 20

No.2/1214/68

June 3, 1968.

The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi-1.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Relics of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose with
Dr.B.H.White of Bristol - Acquiring of.

With reference to the letter No.677-Edn(SE) 11M-6/68 dated the 10th May, 1968 from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Education Department, on the above subject, I wish to state that the Government of India, Ministry of Education having intimated their inability to meet the necessary expenditure on account of the relics in question, we have submitted a request to Shri Dharma Vira, Governor of West Bengal for necessary financial assistance from the Government of West Bengal. We expect that the response of the West Bengal Government will be favourable. The matter may please therefore be referred to the Governor of West Bengal as soon as he returns from Darjeeling to Calcutta on the 8th instant.

The relics in questions are genuine and historically significant. Netaji Research Bureau is therefore most interested in obtaining them for preservation in the Netaji Museum, Calcutta.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Sisir K. Bose
Dr. Sisir K. Bose
Executive Director

Copy to Shri G.C.Mallik, Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Education Department S.E. Branch, for information with reference to his endorsement No.677/1(1)-Edn(SE) dated 10-5-68.

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N.G.O. Section may kindly see if they have got the previous papers on the subject. If so, they may kindly take over the F.R. for favour of disposal.

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papers are returned to O&M Section.

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Mr. Awt
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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
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June 21, 1968.

The Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal,
Education Department,
Calcutta.

Attention : Shri G.C. Mallik.

Subject: Relics of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose with
Dr. B.H.White of Bristol - Acquiring of.
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to Netaji Research Bureau's letter No.2/1214/68 dated the 3rd June, 1968 addressed to this Ministry and copy endorsed to you and to request that the decision taken by the Government of West Bengal on the request of Netaji Research Bureau for financial assistance in procuring the relics from Dr. B.H. White, may please be intimated to this Ministry at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Y.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to the Ministry of Education, New Delhi, with reference to their U.O. No.Dy.2600/68-CAI(5) dated the 23rd May, 1968. It is requested that their final decision in the light of the reply of the Government of West Bengal to the reference made by them may please be intimated to this Ministry at an early date.

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Rb
(Y.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

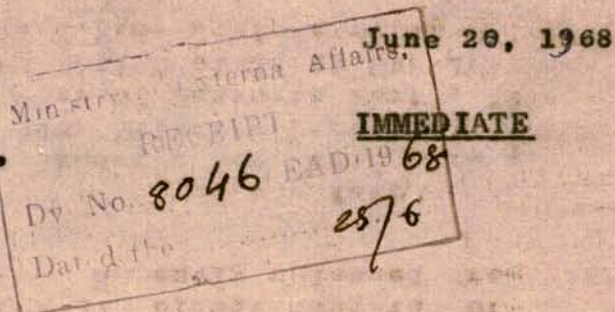
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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU
AN INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND POLITICS
NETAJI BHAWAN
38/2, LALA LAJPAT RAI ROAD, CALCUTTA 20

No. 2/1245/68

Mr. G.C. Mallik,
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal,
Education Department
S.E. Branch
Writers Buildings
Calcutta - 1.



Dear Sir,

**Sub:- Relics of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
with Mr. B.H. White of Bristol -
acquiring of.**

With reference to our discussion this morning on the
above subject I wish to state as follows :

The names mentioned in the inscriptions on the two
relics are those of the eldest daughter and son-in-law
of Dr. Ba Maw, the former Prime Minister and the war time
Head of State of Burma and a personal friend and close
comrade of Netaji in the freedom struggle in East Asia.
Further particulars about these two persons are given
below :

Tinsa Maw Naing : Born 1927, eldest daughter of Dr. Ba
Maw; wife of Bo Yan Naing. Recently released from prison
along with his father.

Yan Naing, Bo : Born 1918; one of the famous Thirty
Comrades of Burmese Independence Movement; hero of
Battle of Shewedaung, 1942; Military Secretary to Head
of State, 1943-44; a leader of Mahabama Party, 1946;
visited India at the invitation of Sarat Chandra Bose
in 1947 and attended the I.N.A. Conference in Calcutta.

It is known that Netaji attended the wedding of Dr. Ba
Maw's eldest daughter and gave wedding gifts.

It is thus clear that the relics in question have extra-
ordinary historical significance. Netaji's association with
Dr. Ba Maw and his family was in connection with the common
struggle of India and Burma for national freedom. The relics

therefore, will remain as symbols of that common struggle. The Netaji Museum in Calcutta is certainly the right place where the relics should be preserved.

Dr. Ba Maw's youngest daughter, Mrs. Theda Maw Sturtevant is now in Oxford and will be willing, I am sure, to help in finally checking up the genuineness of the relics, if requested to do so. Her address is as follows :

Mrs. Theda Maw Sturtevant
4 Moreton Road
Oxford
England.

I am writing to her to help in the matter, if requested by the Indian High Commission to do so.

I request that information contained in this letter may please be communicated urgently to Shri Dharma Vira, Governor of West Bengal, for his consideration.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Dr. Sisir K. Bose
Executive Director

SKB/akc

✓ Copy to: The Under Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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No.24-4/68-CA-I(5)
Government of India
Ministry of Education

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Ministry of External Affairs.

RECEIPT

Dy. No. 8321/EAD/19

Dated the 2.7.68

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-2

Dated July 1, 1968

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Subject:- Reorganisation action and Development of Museum
Request for financial assistance to Netaji Research
Bureau for acquisition of Netaji relics.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of External Affairs endorsement No.C(323)/1/68-JP of the 21st June 1968 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the West Bengal Government who were approached by Netaji Research Bureau to release rupee equivalent to 270 guineas for enabling them to acquire the relics of Netaji, have intimated this Ministry that they are agreeable release the amount provided these relics are certified to be genuine by Dr. B.A. Maw's youngest daughter. Mrs. Theda Maw Slurtevant. It is therefore requested that the necessary certificate about the genuine of the relics may kindly be got from Mrs. Theda Maw and sent to this Ministry very urgently to enable this Ministry to take up a question of release of Foreign Exchange with the Ministry of Finance. The address of Mrs. Theda Maw as given by West Bengal Government is as under:-

Mrs. Theda Maw Slurtevant,
4, Moreton Road,
Oxford (England)

(A. S. Talwar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri Y. R. Dhawan)
Under Secretary,
New Delhi.

Under Secretary (EA).

Ministry of External Affairs

No.C/323/1/68/JP

July 2, 1968.

Dear Shri Vahali,

Please refer to your Telex No.2544, dated the 21st April, 1968, regarding the two pieces of silver associated with Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, which Mr. B.H. White of Bristol is prepared to sell for 270 Guinea. The correspondence was initiated by you vide your letter No. Pol.69.9.7, dated the 27th October, 1967, addressed to Shri G.S. Balakrishnan, Attache (UK).

2. I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter No. 24-4/68-CA-I(5), dated the 1st July, 1968, received from the Ministry of Education. We shall be grateful if you can arrange to obtain the required certificate from Mrs. Theda Maw Slurtevant regarding the genuineness of the two relics in question.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.R. Dhawan)

Shri H.S. Vahali,
First Secretary,
High Commission of India,
London.

Copy for information forwarded to Shri A.S. Talwar, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

(Y.R. Dhawan)
Under Secretary to the Government of
India.

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Copy of ~~letter~~/No. 24-4/68-CA-I(5), dated the 1st July, 1968, addressed by Shri A.S. Talwar, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, New Delhi, to the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Y.R. Dhawan), New Delhi.

Subject:- Reorganisation action and Development of Museum Request for financial assistance to Netaji Research Bureau for acquisition of Netaji relics.

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Mrs. Theda Maw Slurtevant,
4, Moreton Road,
Oxford (England)

Government of West Bengal

Education (SE) Department

From : Shri G.C. Mallik, M.A., W.B.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
To : The Under Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

No. 1176 -Edn(SE)....., dated Calcutta the 12th July, 1968
11M-6/68

Subject :- Relics of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose
with Dr. B.H. White of Bristol -
Acquiring of -

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter
No. C(323)/1/68-JP., dated the 21st June, 1968
on the above subject and to forward herewith a
copy of teleprinter message dated the 25th June,
1968 addressed to the Under Secretary to the
Government of India, Ministry of Education,
New Delhi for information.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary

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Government of West Bengal
Education Department
S. E. Branch

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To : The Under Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Education,
New Delhi

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM DATED 18TH JUNE '68
REGARDING ACQUISITION OF NETAJI'S RELICS FROM UNITED
KINGDOM (.) THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARE AGREEABLE TO
MAKE THE RUPEE EQUIVALENT OF 270 GUINEAS AVAILABLE TO
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO ACQUIRE THE RELICS OF
NETAJI FOR THE NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU SUBJECT TO THE
CONDITION THAT THEY ARE CERTIFIED TO BE GENUINE BY
DR. BA MAW'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER MRS. THEDA MAW
STURFEVANT NOW IN OXFORD.

QUYABUTOR,
CALCUTTA.

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Sno (32)

No.C/323/1/68/JP
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NEW DELHI, the 25 July, 1968.

Dear High Commission,

Please refer to d.o. letter of even number dated the 2nd July, 1968 from Shri Y.R. Dhawan, Under Secretary to Shri H.S.Vahali, First Secretary, regarding the two pieces of silver associated with Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. We shall be grateful if the certificate required in the matter could be obtained from Mrs. Theda Maw Slurtevant at an early date.

Yours ever,

Ministry.

High Commission of India,
(Shri H.S.Vahali),
London.

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H.S. VAHALI, *SA (33)*
FIRST SECRETARY (POL.)

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA,
INDIA HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,

LONDON, W.C.2.

No. Pol. 69.9.7

July 30, 1968.

Dear Mr. Dhawan,

This is with reference to
your letter No. C/323/1/68/JP of
the 25th July, 1968.

2. I enclose a copy of a letter
from Mrs. Theda Maw Slurtevant. We
have written now to Mr. White for
the details required by Mrs.
Slurtevant and will let you have a
final reply as soon as she has been
able to give us her decision.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. S. Vahali
(H.S. Vahali)

Shri Y.R. Dhawan,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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See further SMO (34)

22nd July .
4 Moreton Road.
Oxford.

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Dear Mr Vahali,

I am replying to your letter of the 16th July, with regard to the two Indian silver pieces offered for sale by Dr B.H. White. I have also heard from Dr Sisir Bose about this matter and have told him I would be more than delighted to help in any way I can.

Obviously , I cannot make a categorical statement vouching for the genuineness of these pieces. (I was a child at the time of my sister's wedding). However, on the basis of the inscriptions described, they do sound as if they are part of Netaji Bose's wedding presents to my sister and brother-in-law, Tinsa Maw and Col. Yan Naing, but I would like to have further details from the owner, on behalf of Dr Bose as well as your office.

1. Two photographs of each article, one of the whole object, and one close up of the inscription. Both in duplicate, one set may be sent to Burma for further verification by my sister.
2. Where did the owner obtain these articles? To be frank, these were looted from our house in Rangoon at the end of the war, by persons unknown, and I am naturally curious as to how they reached their present destination. If they ~~may~~ can be traced back to Burma, they are probably genuine , and I only want to get more background information. I am not planning to sue him ! I object morally to the Netaji Foundation and Museum having to buy articles that belong to our family by right, but the spoils of war being what they are, I want to be sure to check things out thoroughly before vouching for them.
3. What is the price asked ? The value lies in their historical connection with Netaji Bose and my sister and brother-in-law rather than their face value.

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I am sure the owner should be able to provide the information I want before you negotiate for their purchase. I will be in Oxford until the 16th Aug. After that, I will return to Washington, D.C.
(7009 Florida Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, 20015. U.S.A.)
where I reside permanently.

Yours Sincerely,

Teda Shaw Sturtevant.

(Mrs William C. Sturtevant)



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H.S. VAHALI,
FIRST SECRETARY (POL.)

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA,
INDIA HOUSE,

ALDWYCH,

LONDON, W.C.2.

No. Pol. 69.9.7.

August 21, 1968.

My dear Dhawan,

Kindly refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No. C/323/1/68/JP of the 25th July, 1968. I enclose a copy of a letter from Mrs. William C. Sturtevant and Mr. White's Reaction to the requests made for the details of the articles. It is quite possible that Mr. White was himself involved in the looting of the house that Mrs. Sturtevant speaks about. However, please let us know if in view of Mr. White's attitude you wish to pursue the negotiations further.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.S. Vahali
(H.S. Vahali)

Shri Y.R. Dhawan,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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Copy of letter Mr.B.H.White, 1, Alexandra Road, Clifton, Bristol 3 dated the 14.8.68 addressed to High Commission of India, London.

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Yours Ref. No.Pol.69.9.7

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letters dated July 25th and August 6th - the delay has been caused by my absence abroad on holiday.

Regarding your requests I would comment as follows:

Both these articles come from Burma after the 2nd World War in 1945 and beyond the fact that they have been left to me I cannot see how this can interest the Indian Authorities. There can also be no valid reason why these articles should not be authentic; the intrinsic value is very small the only interest being to persons interested in the life of 'Subhash Chandra Bose'.

As I have already quoted you the inscriptions 'word by word' and expressed my willingness to display the trinkets to any interested party at their convenience. I will leave you to promote or close this matter as you so desire.

Perhaps it may be agreeable if any intending purchaser were to write to me?

I await your comments.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- B.H. White

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No.C/323/1/68/JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

New Delhi,
September 6, 1968.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose -
Acquisition of .

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The undersigned is directed to refer to O.M. No. 24-4/68-CAI(5), dated the 1st July, 1968, from the Ministry of Education on the subject mentioned above, and to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. Pol.69.9.7, dated the 21st August, 1968, together with its enclosures from the High Commission of India, London. As will be noticed, Mrs. William C. Sturetevant (nee Theda Maw) has asked for certain details before giving a certificate about the genuineness of the relics held by Mr. B.H. White. The attitude adopted by Mr. White is not cooperative, as will be seen from his letter dated the 14th August, 1968. In the circumstances, it is for consideration whether the question of acquisition of these relics should be pursued further. The Ministry of Education are requested to consult the West Bengal Government and the Netaji Research Bureau and let this Ministry have their reactions at an early date.

(Y.R. Dhawan)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Ministry of Education
(Shri A.S. Talwar, U.S.),
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi.

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Interim reply S.no(37)

Copy forwarded to Shri H.S. Vahali, First Secretary, High Commission of India, London, with reference to his letter No.Pol.69.9.7, dated 21.8.68.

Y.R.
(Y.R. Dhawan)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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NO.C/323/1/68/JP
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
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New Delhi, the 14th January, 1969.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Relics of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose -
Acquisition of.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the correspondence resting with this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even number dated the 6th September, 1968 on the subject mentioned above and to request that the reactions of the West Bengal Government and the Netaji Research Bureau, along with the comments of the Ministry of Education may please be communicated at an early date.

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Ministry of Education,
(Shri A.S. Talwar, Under Secretary),
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi.

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NO.F.24-4/68-CAI(5)/CAI(3)
Government of India
Ministry of Education

Ministry
Dy No 1141-EAD/69
Dated 25/1

New Delhi, the

January, 1969.

The Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal,
Education Department,
CALCUTTA

Subject: -Reorganisation and Development of Museums-
Request for financial assistance for acquisition of
the relics of Netaji.

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sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of
even number dated the 22nd Sept.1968 on the subject mentioned
above and to say that the comments of the State Government
as requested therein have not been received so far. As the
Ministry of External Affairs are pressing hard for our
comments, it is requested that the comments of the State
Government may please be sent to this Ministry very urgently.

Yours faithfully,

SAI

for Deputy Secretary.

Copy forwarded to Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, reference to their Dy-NO. C/323/1/68/JP
Dated 14.1.69.

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TELEPHONE: 01-836-8484 EXT.

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No. Pol. 69.9.7

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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
Political

DEPARTMENT,

INDIA HOUSE,

ALDWYCH,

LONDON, W.C.2.

January 27, 1969

Subject: Relics of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose -
Acquisition of.

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Dear Ministry,

Kindly refer to your letter No.C/323/1/68/JP

dated the 6th September, 1969 addressed to the Ministry of
Education, with a copy endorsed to us on the subject mentioned
above and let us know whether any reply has since been received
from that Ministry.



Ministry of External Affairs,
(Eastern Division),
NEW DELHI.

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NO. C/323/1/68/JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)
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New Delhi: the 10th February, 1969

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Reorganisation and Development of Museums -
Request for financial assistance for acquisition
of the relics of Netaji.**

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of Education's letter No. F.24-4/68-CAI (5)/CAI(3), dated the 23rd January, 1969, addressed to the Government of West Bengal and copy endorsed to this Ministry, on the subject mentioned above, and to request that a decision in the matter may please be expedited.

sd/-
(W.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Ministry of Education,
(Shri A.S. Talwar, Under Secretary),
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi.

Copy forwarded to the High Commission for India, London for information with reference to their letter No. Pol. 69.9.7, dated the 27th January, 1969.

o/c
(Y.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy of letter No. 119-Edn(SE) 11M-6/68 dated the 29th January, 1969 from Shri G.C. Mallik, Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Calcutta to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

Subject:- Re-organisation and Development of Museums -
Request for financial assistance for
acquisition of the relics of Netaji.

Ref. this Department endorsement No.1093/1
(1)-Edn(P) dated 18-10-68.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. F.24-4/68-CAI(5)/CAI(3) of the 23rd January, 1969 on the above subject and to send herewith a copy of letter No.2/1610/68, dated the 30th October, 1968, from the Executive Director, Netaji Research Bureau addressed to Mrs. S. Rao, Assistant Educational Adviser in your Ministry which speaks for itself. The State Government agreed to acquire the relics of Netaji for Netaji Research Bureau subject to the condition that they are certified to be genuine by Dr. Ba Maw 's youngest daughter, Mrs. William C. Sturtevant (nee Theda Maw). The State Government has no further comments to make at this stage.

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Copy of letter No.2/1610/68 dated the 30th October, 1968 from the Executive Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta to ~~Shri G.C. Mallik~~ Mrs. S. Rao, Assistant Educational Adviser, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi.

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Subject:- Relics of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose-
Acquisition of -

With reference to your letter No.F.24-4/68-(C.5) Cal(3) dated 27-9-68 to the Education Department Government of West Bengal, copy of which has been sent to us together with the enclosures for our comments -- after careful consideration of the situation, the obvious next step should be to try and obtain photographs of the relics in question in duplicate (one of the whole object and one close up of the inscription) as desired by Mrs. William C. Sturtevant. It should be possible to persuade Mr. B.H. White to agree to have the objects photographed. The photographs should then be despatched to Mrs. Sturtevant at her Washington address as early as possible.

As to the other points of Mr. Sturtevant's letter we should appreciate her sentiments and those of her family in connection with the relics. However, once the identification of the relics have been carried out to their satisfaction there should not be any difficulty in acquiring them for the Netaji Museum.

Sd/- Dr. Sisir K. Bose

cc. Shri G.C. Mallik, Deputy Secretary to the Government of ~~Indi~~ West Bengal, Education Department.

20th March, 69.

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Subject:- Reorganisation and development of Museums-
Request for financial assistance for
acquisition of the relics of Netaji.

Dear Mission,

Please refer to our endorsement of
even number dated the 10th February, 1969 on
the subject mentioned above.

A copy of letter No.119-EDM(SE)11M-
6/68, dated the 29th January, 1969 from the
Government of West Bengal together with letter
No.2/1610/68, dated the 30th October, 1968 from
the Executive Director, Netaji Research Bureau,
referred to therein, is sent herewith. The
Ministry of Education has recommended that
Mr. White might be persuaded to give the
photographs for Mrs. Sturtevant to certify the
objects as genuine. You are, therefore,
requested to make a further attempt to get
photographs from Mr. White.

Yours ever,

Ministry.

High Commission of India,
London

Copy to Ministry of Education with reference
to their U.O. No.24-4/68-C5(A1-(3), dated the 27th
February, 1969. Their file is returned herewith.

(Y.R. Dhawan)

Under Secretary to Government of India.

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26 May 69

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Subject:- Reorganisation and development of
Museums - Request for financial
assistance for acquisition of the
relics of Netaji.

Dear Mission,

Please refer to our letter of even
number dated the 20th March, 1969 on the subject
mentioned above.

We shall be grateful to know the
present position of the case.

Yours ever,

Ministry.

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High Commission of India,
London.



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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA

Political DEPARTMENT,

INDIA HOUSE,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

May 21, 1969

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Subject: Reorganisation and development of Museums-
Request for financial assistance for
acquisition of the relics of Netaji.

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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No. C/323/1/68/JP

dated the 20th March, 1969 on the above subject.

2. We wrote to Mr. White on 3rd April, 1969 to
supply us photographs of the relics of Subhash Chandra
Bose. He has not cared to reply. The silence on his part
shows that he is no longer interested in the matter.



Minister of External Affairs,
East Asia Division,
NEW DELHI.

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Mr. A. W.
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